

**Troy City Work Meeting
Council Chambers
June 9, 2011
6:30 pm**

The meeting came to order at 6:30 pm. Present: Mayor Donald Banning, Council – Phil Fisher, Fran McCully, Gary Rose, John Clogston, and City Clerk Sandra Johnson.

GUESTS: Robert McLeod, Linda Rose, John Brown, Clint Taylor, Susie Taylor, George Snyder, Heather McDougall, and Allen Gerstenecker – Western News

BUILDING at 230 KOOTENAI: George Snyder- presented the City with an opportunity to purchase the 4, 100x125 ft. vacant lots with a 5000 sq ft. building at 230 Kootenai Ave. The building appraised for \$160,000 four years ago, prior to the damage. Snyder offered the price of \$50,000 with \$5,000 down, \$775.00 per month with 3% interest for 5 years, which would pay it off. The taxes are \$200.00 per year. The building is available for viewing. Phil Fisher asked how much time he would need for the decision. Snyder replied 125 days. Discussion followed regarding the interest figures.

MCCABE SUBDIVISION FINAL APPROVAL: Kristin Smith – Phil Fisher wanted it clarified that Shellaine Lane is not the Eastern extent of the City Limits like what is printed.

BPA TRANSMISSION SERVICE: Customer Secondary NT Rights: Clint Taylor- advised that a notice was received from BPA and reviewed by City Attorney Evans. He explained that a contract is required for generation. Fran McCully stated; so it doesn't apply to us. Taylor advised; it doesn't apply, but it has to be signed. The life of the contract is every two years. Fran McCully asked why Troy power had a transmission agreement. Taylor answered; because we need it to receive the power.

Taylor advised that he will not be attending the next regular council meeting and asked to give his department report.

Department Report: Taylor advised that his crew helped the Public Works department with cemetery clean-up for Memorial Day. All of the utility trucks were professionally tested. He and his crew had spent a little extra time at Northern Lights Hydro unit with the high water and debris. They met with BPA at the substation to go over the equipment; this is done every two to three years. Taylor has been working on his department budget. Taylor had a meeting with the Mayor to discuss what would happen if a large electrical load were to put them into tier two power. There may be some policy changes that may have to be done with the contract at that point. Taylor and his crew helped out the fire department with the Mud Bogs, hooking up portable power, moving bleachers, and hanging banners. The crew is currently working on the alleys. Taylor advised the REP that was signed did pass the second time. Fran McCully mentioned that the Northern Lights contract expires July 1, 2011, has some concerns and was wondering when the contract will be discussed. Taylor advised that even though the contract expires July 1st, the July billing doesn't go out until August. Taylor explained that he took suggestions from the Council and figured in vehicle time into the hourly rate. Discussion followed. McCully asked for a history, so they know what happens over the year. Taylor went over how time is billed to Northern Lights. Discussion followed.

COUNTY REQUEST FOR MAIL IN BALLOTS: Lincoln County has asked the City of Troy to have a mail in ballot for the municipal election in November. Mayor Banning would like to have it clarified if this is a onetime request. Information will be brought at the next meeting. Discussion followed regarding cost. Fisher questioned who prepared the resolution. It is mirrored from the last mail in ballot resolution and has been approved by the attorney.

RESOLUTION NO. 633- POLICIES TO COUNCIL: (Item was tabled 5-23-11) The Mayor asked for discussion. Gary Rose stated that they were talking about each council member having a copy of large policy binder. He stated; it seemed a little extreme to me, I think if we had one copy between the council members, it would be fine with me. Phil Fisher agreed.

ANIMAL CONTROL: Robert McLeod- advised that the three yearly contracts will be expiring at the end of the month. He advised that he has prepared the new contracts changing the dates only. He talked with Kathy Hooper with the County, and it sounded like nothing would change there as well. McLeod also advised that County is not going to have the City sell County tags anymore. McLeod advised that the department needs to purchase 100 tags at about \$32, 1000 rings at \$10, and 1 receipt book at \$3.50. McLeod advised that there is a property in town that has approximately 15 feral cats. It is part of the City's responsibility to pick up stray, rabid, and feral animals and we have to hold them for 72 hours. We don't have a holding facility. Because they are feral we can't take them to KPFL. To keep them for three days would be \$30 per day plus \$10 to the County to euthanize; that would be \$40 dollars per cat for 15 cats would total about \$600. Fran McCully asked how he would know the cat was feral. McLeod answered, that is why we have to hold them for the 72 hours. Gary Rose asked how many cats belong to the homeowner. McLeod advised; none of them and there wasn't a problem there until KPFL moved and quit feeding the outdoor feral cats. The homeowner suspects they migrated up near her home. McLeod continued; the Animal Control Officer said she has holding facilities at her property, it would cost about \$54 in supplies, and she would only charge \$3 per day per cat. This option would cost the City about \$285. The officer can take a 40 hour class to euthanize for \$100, and this would be something we may look at as a long term solution. The Animal Control Officer thinks there are some young enough that KPFL may take them. Discussion followed. McLeod continued; I'm not looking to eliminate those people we have contracts with, just a solution to the temporary problem. Gary Rose expressed his feelings to do it as cheaply as possible. Discussion followed regarding euthanize training. It was Council's consensus that only a motion is needed and to put this on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

RENOVATION: Mayor Banning presented the architect's rendition of what the elevation will be for the renovation at City Hall. Discussion followed.

RESOLUTIONS: Sandra Johnson received by hand 4 resolutions from Fran McCully for the June 15th Council Meeting. No discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Phil Fisher stated his thoughts of the need to discuss the offer of the building at 230 Kootenai Ave. I think it is good for the City especially since it is next to already City owned property. Fran McCully agreed and added, we need to find out if we can afford it,

have a need for it, and get rid of something else that we don't need. Discussion followed. John Clogston mentioned being able to use the building for storage until there is a better use for it. Discussion on the condition of the current city hall building followed. John Brown mentioned that the insurance company put in some steel beams and columns a few years ago. Gary Rose stated; the problem is the outside structure, it wouldn't sustain an earthquake. Discussion on the need for a new city hall building.

Heather McDougall brought up the poor condition of the streets. John Clogston asked where the Public Works Director had planned on putting the asphalt. Mayor Banning answered; he has some streets in mind that are in the most need. Gary Rose stated; I don't know if it's a good idea to do one street a year and let the rest go, or to patch the large areas. Discussion followed regarding possibly hiring a contractor to do it because they have proper equipment. Mayor Banning stated that he will contact the Public Works Director and have him available to answer questions at the Council Meeting on June 15, 2011.

Phil Fisher asked when the first budget meeting will be scheduled. He was advised that is was scheduled for June 23, 2011 at 6:30 pm.

Heather McDougall was wondering when the water feature at Roosevelt Park would be finished. Gary Rose stated that he had spoken to the Public Works Director and it was supposed to be started after the fishing derby in April. Discussion followed.

Allen Gersteneckler added that the reasoning for bidding out projects is to create jobs outside of your City for laborers. On the election, there was a great response and greater participation by mail in ballot. It is also cost effective. He also made mention that he enjoyed the Troy High School Graduation very much.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

Donald C. Banning, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sandra Johnson, City Clerk/Treasurer